Senior posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport

173. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several senior posts in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport are lying vacant since long; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Only four senior posts of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport proper are lying vacant. Action for filling them up is in hand.

Railway accidents and crimes

174. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of various kinds of rail accidents which took place during the last six months together with the causes;

(b) the number of persons who died in these rail accidents together with the names of places where they died and what was the amount of compensation paid;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents this year is more in comparison to those during the last two years and the estimated amount spent on safety devices during the years 1984-85 and so far, during 1985-86;

(d) what measures are being taken to investigate the causes of mishaps to prevent their recurrence;

(e) what is the number of persons run over by railway trains during the last one year; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that the cases of thefts, dacoities and pick-pocketings in trains have tremendously increased?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

175. [*Transferred to the 29th July*, 1985.]

Railway Coach Manufacturing Unit

176. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested for locating the proposed railway passenger coach manufacturing unit in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to set up railway passenger coach manufacturing unit; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After consideration of all the aspects Government have decided to locate the proposed New Railway Coach Factory in Punjab.

New Power Generation Schemes of the Gujarat Government

177. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government have proposed a number of new schemes for the clearance by the Central Government for power generation;

(b) if so, which are the new schemes proposed by the Government of Gujarat for power generation;

(c) what is the number of schemes cleared by the Centre; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in clearing remaining schemes proposed by the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Five Hydro and twelve thermal generation schemes were received in the Central Electricity Authority from the Gujarat Government/Electricity Board during the last five years.

(c) Two hydro and six thermal schemes have been techno-economically cleared of which three thermal schemes have been sanctioned for implementation.

(d) Two thermal schemes are under techno-economic appraisal. In respect of three hydro schemes, techno-economic clearance is no longer required consequent on amendment of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. Four thermal schemes have been returned to the State authorities as essential inputs were not established.

इलाहाबाद-भटनी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदला जाना

178. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद सिटी से भटनी तक की रेलवे मीटर लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का प्रस्ताव कब से सरकार के विचाराधीन है और उसे अभी तक न बदले जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) इलाहाबाद–वाराणसी मीटर लाइन खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन करने के लिए वर्ष 1980 में सर्वेक्षण कराया गया था। परियोजना अर्थतम नहीं पायी गयी थी। अतः संसाधनों की अत्यधिक तंगी तथा पहले से की गयी भारी वचनबद्धताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस पर आगे कार्रवाई नहीं की गयी। तथापि, वाराणसी-भटनी मीटर लाइन खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन करना एक अनुमोदित परियोजना है। इसका पूरा होना आने वाले वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा।

Demand for appointment of School Grants Commission

179. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Secondary Teachers' Federation, in their 15th Conference held at Bangalore on June 6 and 7 last, had demanded that the Central Government should appoint an autonomous School Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, School education is primarily looked after and managed by the State Governments. The